Weather set to improve for the bank holiday

25 August 2011 - The weather is set to improve for most as we head through the bank holiday weekend, with more settled conditions spreading from the south and west.

Our forecasts show that Friday will see plenty of heavy downpours across the country. Showers are expected to continue over England and Wales on Saturday and Sunday, while parts of Scotland look set to see persistent and, at times, heavy rain combined with strong to gale force winds.

However, Bank Holiday Monday looks set to be mainly dry with some sunny spells for much of England and Wales. Some showers are possible, mainly in the North and East, where it may stay rather breezy. This fine weather is expected to last into next week.

Andy Page, Met Office Chief Forecaster, said: "Following the wet weather we've had over the last week or so, it looks like we will see an improvement for Bank Holiday Monday and the final week of the school holidays. It's going to be a cool weekend but the best day is likely to be Monday with some sunshine around."

Kevin Andrews, RAC patrol ambassador of the year, said: "Whatever the weather, August bank holiday is always one of the busiest of the year. With heavy downpours expected at the start of the weekend drivers should make sure they drive appropriately for conditions on the road.

"Traffic around theme parks and other events, including the many music festivals, will impact on local traffic volumes and I would advise drivers to check their routes in advance of their journey to avoid getting caught up in slow moving traffic."

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